

Amendments to the Claims

This Listing of Claims replaces prior versions and Listings of Claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.(Currently Amended) A mattress closing tape comprising a narrow-width textile fabric band formed of a set of warp yarns and multiple fillings inter-knitted in a crochet warp knitted construction having a base fabric layer and a patterned fabric layer each extending substantially the full lengthwise and widthwise extent of the band and formed in overlying substantially coextensive relation to one another ~~whereby the base fabric layer and the patterned fabric layer are integrated by lengthwise and widthwise spanning connections~~ to produce a fabric structure which is substantially ~~non-channeled~~, flat in cross-section, of substantially uniform thickness in cross-section, and sufficiently flexible to be adapted to closely conform to an edge bead of a mattress.

2.(Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 1, further comprising at least four fillings.

3.(Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 2, wherein two base fillings traverse the full widthwise extent of the tape to form a base fabric structure and two pattern fillings traverse relative to one another to form a predetermined pattern.

4.(Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 3, wherein the base fillings are formed at the technical face of the tape and the pattern fillings are formed at the technical back of the tape.

5.(Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 3, wherein one base filling comprises a single filling yarn, the other base filling comprises a single filling yarn, one pattern filling comprises multiple filling yarns and the other pattern filling comprises multiple filling yarns.

6.(Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 3, wherein the base fillings traverse in opposing mirror-image relation to one another and the pattern fillings traverse in opposing mirror-image relation to one another.

7.(Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 6, wherein the pattern fillings form a diamond pattern.

8.(Cancelled)

9.(Currently Amended) In combination with a mattress having an edge bead, a mattress closing tape covering and closely conforming to the edge bead of the mattress, the mattress closing tape comprising a narrow-width textile fabric band formed of a set of warp yarns and multiple fillings inter-knitted in a crochet warp knitted construction of substantially uniform denier distribution throughout, the mattress closing tape having a base fabric layer and a patterned fabric layer each extending substantially the full lengthwise and widthwise extent of the band ~~whereby the base fabric layer and the patterned fabric layer are integrated by lengthwise and widthwise spanning connections~~ and formed in overlying substantially coextensive relation to one another to produce a fabric structure which is substantially flat in cross-section ~~and non-~~channeled.

10.(Previously Presented) A mattress closing tape according to claim 9, further comprising at least four fillings.

11.(Previously Presented) A mattress closing tape according to claim 10, wherein two base fillings traverse the full widthwise extent of the tape to form a base fabric structure and two pattern fillings traverse relative to one another to form a predetermined pattern.

12.(Previously Presented) A mattress closing tape according to claim 11, wherein the base fillings are formed at the technical face of the tape and the pattern fillings are formed at the technical back of the tape.

13.(Previously Presented) A mattress closing tape according to claim 11, wherein one base filling comprises a single filling yarn, the other base filling comprises a single filling yarn, one pattern filling comprises multiple filling yarns, and the other pattern fillings comprises multiple filling yarns.

14.(Previously Presented) A mattress closing tape according to claim 11, wherein the base fillings traverse in opposing mirror-image relation to one another and the pattern fillings traverse in opposing mirror-image relation to one another.

15.(Previously Presented) A mattress closing tape according to claim 14, wherein the pattern fillings form a diamond pattern.

16.(New) In combination with a mattress having an edge bead, a mattress closing tape covering and closely conforming to the edge bead of the mattress, the mattress closing tape comprising a narrow-width textile fabric band formed of a set of warp yarns and multiple fillings inter-knitted in a crochet warp knitted construction of substantially uniform denier distribution throughout, the mattress closing tape having a base fabric layer and a patterned fabric layer each extending substantially the full lengthwise and widthwise extent of the band and formed in overlying substantially coextensive relation to one another to produce a fabric structure which is substantially flat in cross-section, of substantially uniform thickness in cross-section, and sufficiently flexible to be adapted to closely conform to an edge bead of a mattress.